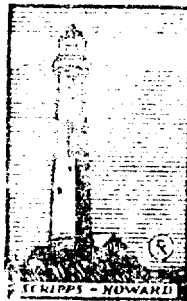


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## Doubtful Mission—Completed

THE big ransom deal with Fidel Castro is now completed. The United States sent \$53 million worth of food and medical supplies to Castro. In return he freed the Bay of Pigs captives.

As New York lawyer James B. Donovan says, it "was probably the only mutual transaction between the United States and Castro's Cuba that was characterized by good faith on both sides."

It was a questionable deal from the start—a substitute program after the

original tractor exchange fell thru. That, too, was a bald ransom plan.

Castro's "good faith" could only have come from his desperate need for the ransom materials we sent him, and this emphasizes the continuing vulnerability of his regime.

We are glad this embarrassing exchange is completed and hope we now can get on with long-delayed measures to eliminate this communist outpost from the Western Hemisphere.